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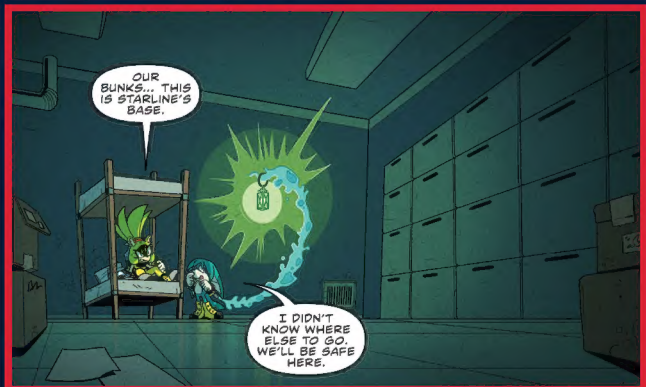
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STORY SO FAR





SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

The Blue Blur.
Fastest thing alive.



MILES "TAILS" PROWER

Tech-Savvy Sidekick.
High-flying genius.



DR. EGGMAN

Mad Genius.
Egg enthusiast.



METAL SONIC

Loyal Minion.
Mechanical menace.



SURGE THE TENREC

The Mean Green.
Roguish speedster.



KITSUNAMI "KIT" THE FENNEC

Sorrowful Sidekick.
High-flying hydromancer.



"THESE READINGS AREN'T GREAT, BUT FROM WHAT I'VE GOT... THE TRAIL LEADS HERE."

AN EGGMAN BASE? WAIT, NO... LOOK AT THE INSIGNIA!

HUH. STARLINE SURE MADE HIMSELF COMFORTABLE.

DARK, DANK, FOREBODING...

IF THEY'RE NOT IN HERE, I'LL EAT MY SHOE.

SHRRRR

?

SONIC!





THAT CERTAINLY WAS SOMETHING BACK IN EGGHEAD'S CITY. I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU THAT MAD IN A WHILE.



BUT YOU STILL PUT ON THE BRAKES FOR BELLE, JUST FOR A SECOND...

...YOU WANNA TALK ABOUT THAT?



SORRY I'M LATE, RAN INTO EGGMAN!



HE'S HERE? FIGURES. ALL RIGHT, GO TIME!

METAL, I'M NOT GIVING UP ON YOU YET!

MOMENTS
EARLIER...

SLOW
DOWN,
WILL
YOU?!

ALWAYS
WITH
THE
RUNNING...

...FINE, A
SHORTCUT
IT IS.

GAH! THAT
PLATYPUS
WENT AND MADE
MODIFICATIONS
TO MY FLAWLESS
FLOOR PLAN?!
WHAT A
HASSLE.

AT LEAST I
CAN STILL TRACK
THE DYNAMO
CAGE'S LOCATION.

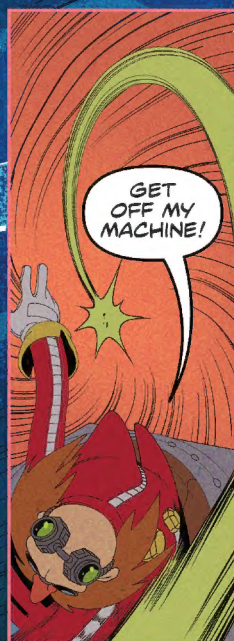
THAT
CAN'T BE
RIGHT... HOW
CAN IT BE
RIGHT ON
TOP OF--

SKYOW!



BAD NEWS,
OLD MAN. I'M
NOT LETTING
YOU OFF EASY
THIS TIME.

GAH!

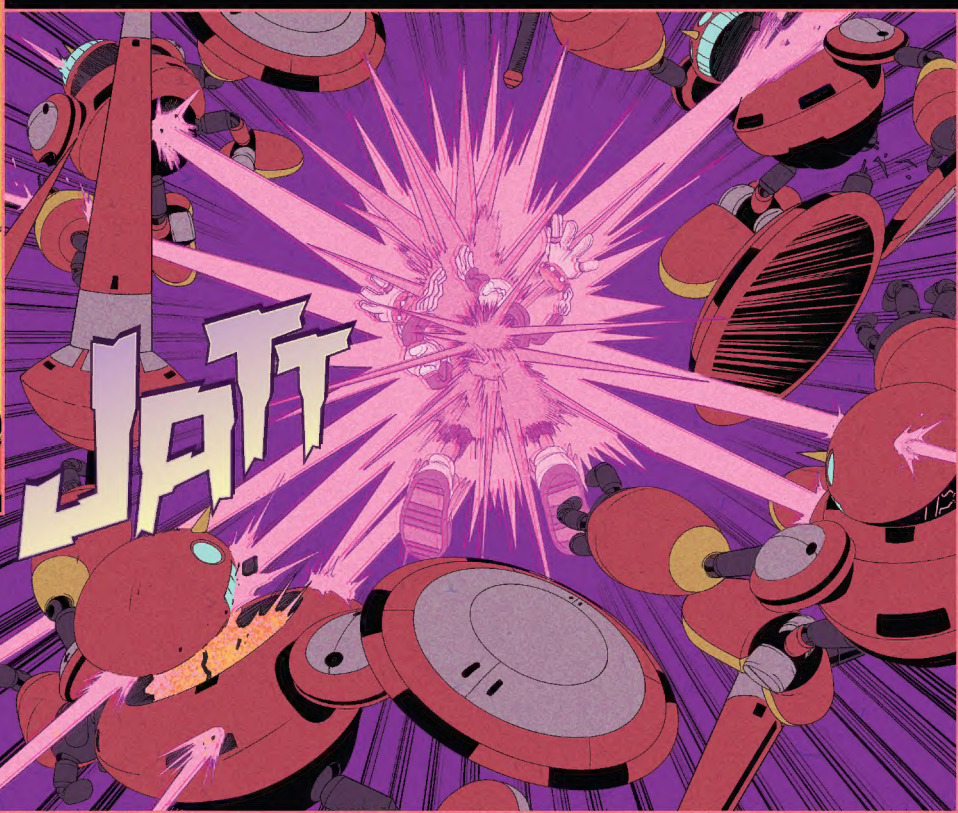


GET
OFF MY
MACHINE!

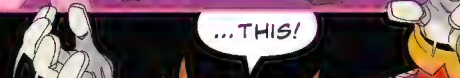


WHAM

ROBOTS!
HOLD HER
DOWN!



JATT



CHUNK

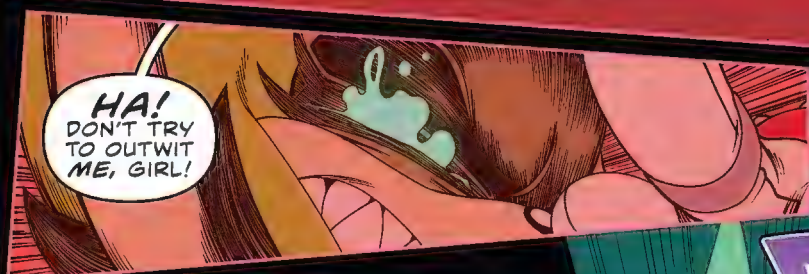
BUDDA-BUDDA-BOM



CUTE,
VERY
CUTE--

THOOM

AAH!



HA!
DON'T TRY
TO OUTWIT
ME, GIRL!



RRR...

RAAAH!



OOF!

WUMP-BUMP



MORE,
NEED
MORE...



YES.

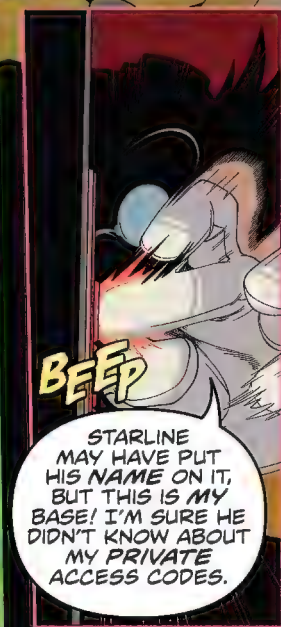
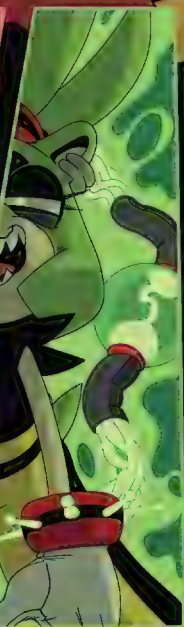


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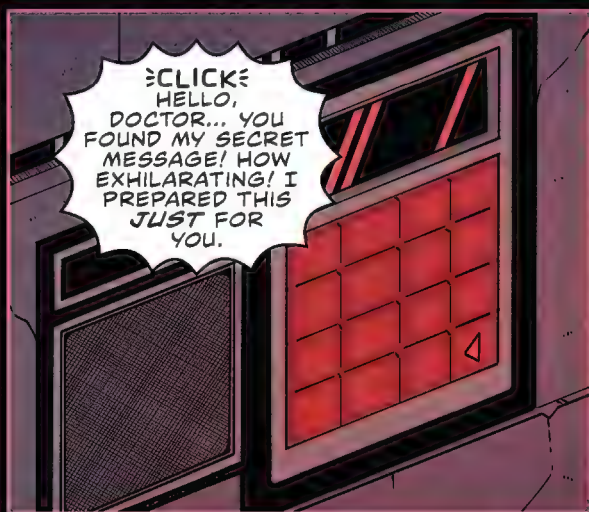
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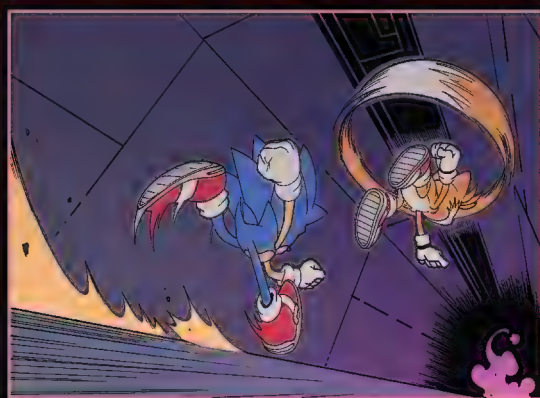
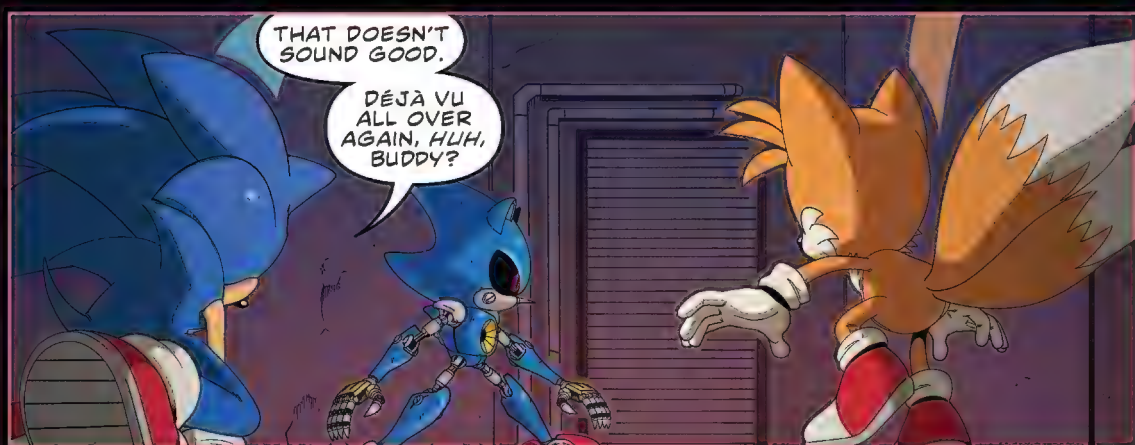
IF I'M
NOT CAREFUL,
SHE'S GOING TO
TURN ME INTO
MINCEMEAT!
GOOD THING
I CAME
PREPARED.




BEEP

STARLINE
MAY HAVE PUT
HIS NAME ON IT,
BUT THIS IS MY
BASE! I'M SURE HE
DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT
MY PRIVATE
ACCESS CODES.







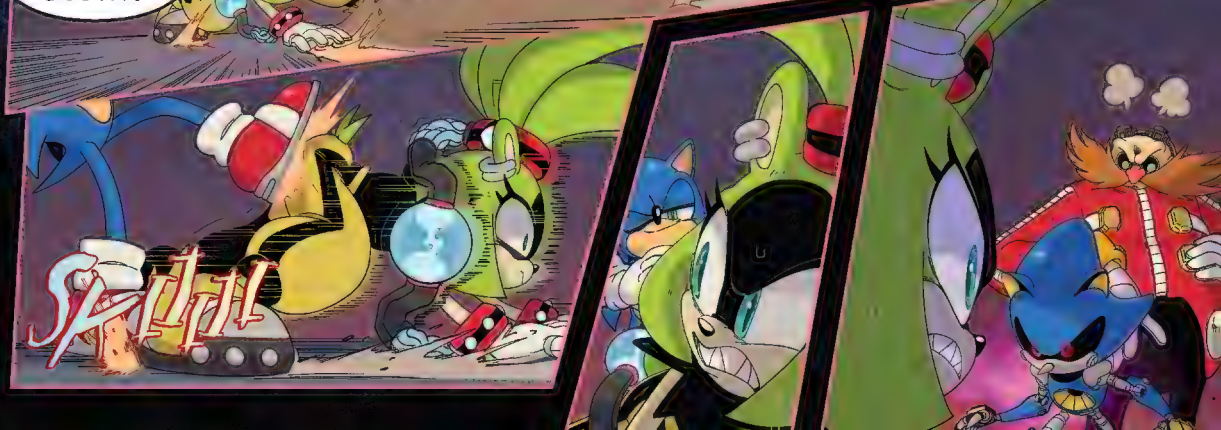
N-NOW LET'S BE REASONABLE! I HAVE A LOT OF RESOURCES AT MY DISPOSAL AND CAN ALWAYS USE, AH, MOTIVATED INDIVIDUALS LIKE YOURSELF IN MY EMPLOY...

YOU GENIUS TYPES NEVER KNOW WHEN TO SHUT UP, DO YA? MAYBE YOU'LL STOP ONCE I KNOCK YOUR TEETH IN.

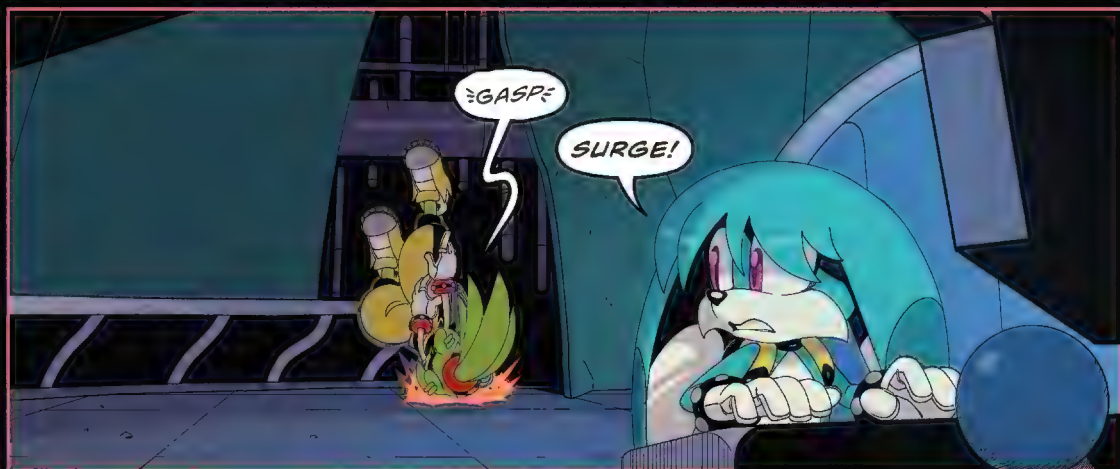
YOU THINK YOUR PET ROBOT CAN TAKE ME?

I'VE CHEWED THROUGH MORE OF YOUR RUST BUCKETS THAN I CAN COUNT!

FINALLY!









OKAY, EGGMAN, I'M GONNA NEED AN EXPLANATION OR ELSE I'M PICKING UP WHERE SURGE LEFT OFF.



THE NERVE! I'M THE VICTIM HERE! SHE STOLE MY DYNAMO CAGE. IT'S A UNIQUE, EXTREMELY DANGEROUS DEVICE!

I'M ONLY HERE TO RECLAIM MY PROPERTY.

SO THAT'S WHAT THE FANCY HAT'S ALL ABOUT.

IT'S NOT A HAT!



GIMME TWO SECONDS TO CONSULT WITH MY ASSOCIATE.

SUIT YOURSELF. I NEED A BREATHER ANYWAY.



WHAT DO YOU THINK?

WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO TAKE METAL, BUT WE STILL NEED TO DEAL WITH SURGE.

FIGHTING BOTH OF THEM IS A MAJOR RISK.



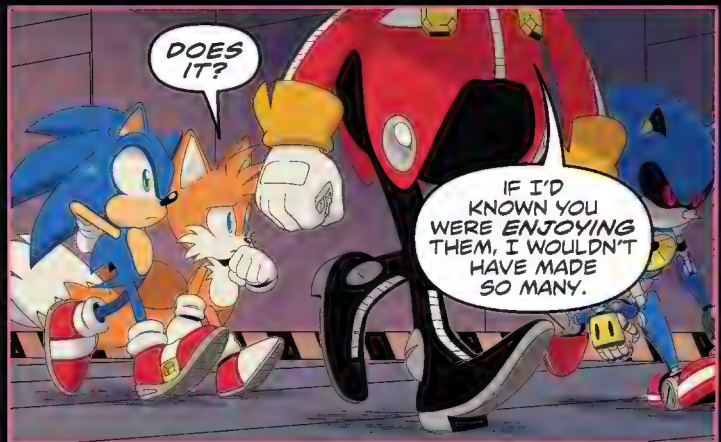
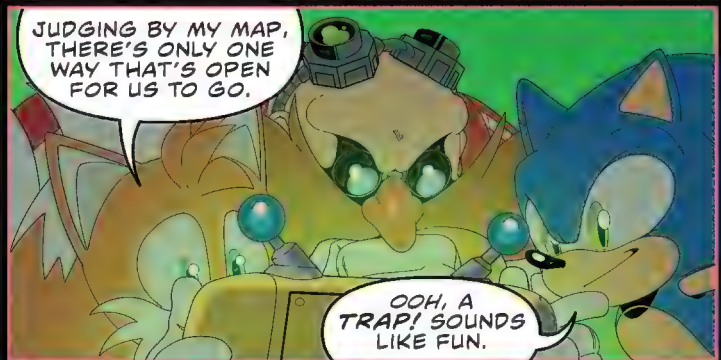
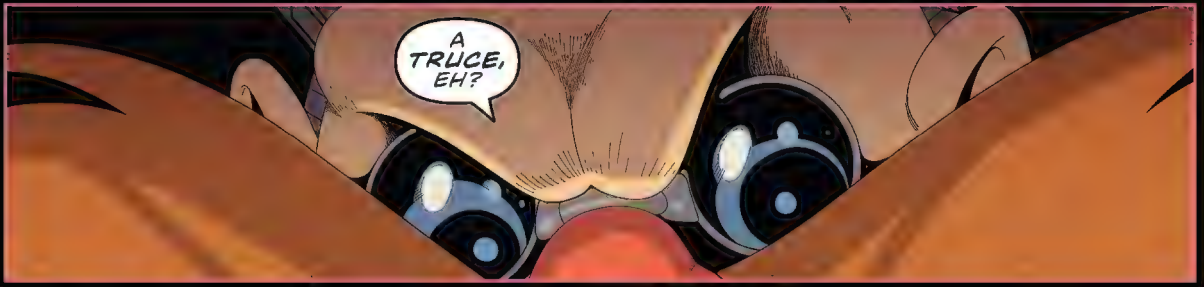
YEAH... AS MUCH AS I'D LIKE TO THROW DOWN, SURGE IS A BIGGER PRIORITY RIGHT NOW.

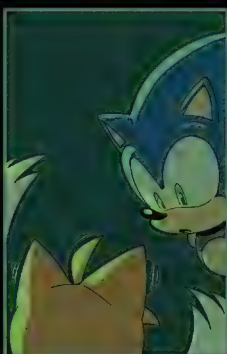
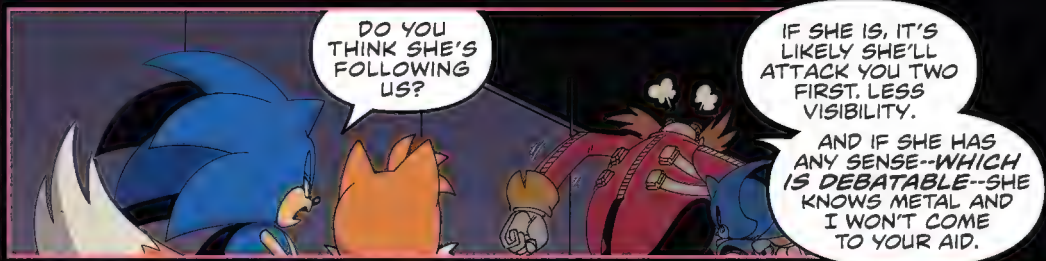
EGGMAN WANTS HIS TOY BACK, BUT I'M SURE I CAN "ACCIDENTALLY" SMASH IT SOMEWHERE ALONG THE LINE.



ALL RIGHT, EGGMAN!

WE'LL HELP YOU HANDLE SURGE, AND YOU AND METAL WON'T START ANYTHING TILL WE'RE ALL OUT OF THIS DUMP. DEAL?



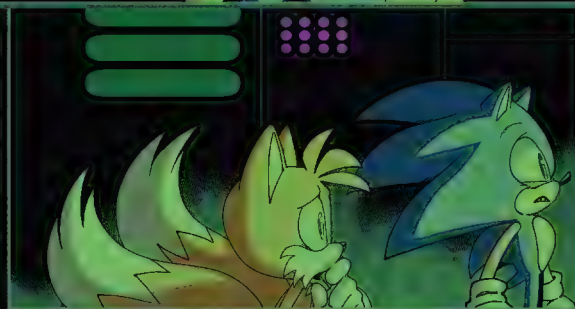




HE...
MADE
THEM.



INDEED.
BIOMODIFICATIONS,
CYBERNETIC
AUGMENTATION, NEURAL
CONDITIONING...



...ANY ONE WOULD BE
DIFFICULT ALONE, AND HE
WAS ENTIRELY SUCCESSFUL,
ALL WHILE SCAVENGING
HIS OWN MATERIALS
AND EQUIPMENT.



IF I DIDN'T KNOW
BETTER, I'D SAY YOU
WERE IMPRESSED.

OH, I AM. IT'S A REMARKABLE
ACHIEVEMENT! DR. STARLINE
POSSESSED ONE OF THE FINEST
MINDS I'VE EVER ENCOUNTERED.



HE'S TALKING ABOUT **KIDNAPPING**
AND **BRAINWASHING** PEOPLE!

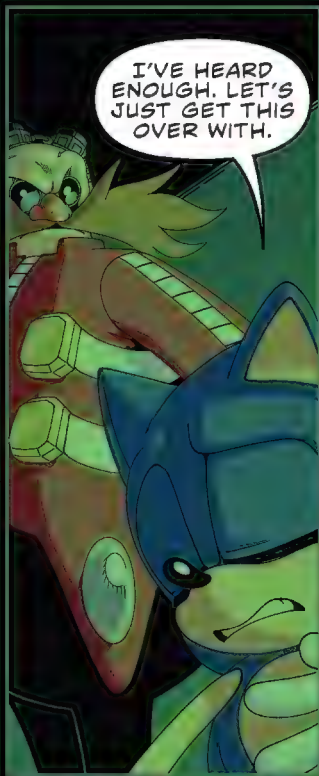
AND ALL HE WANTED
WAS FOR YOU TO
RECOGNIZE HIM... IF YOU'D
JUST TOLD HIM THAT WHILE
HE WAS ALIVE, NONE OF
THIS WOULD HAVE
HAPPENED!

I KNOW
THAT! BUT I
WOULD NEVER DO
SUCH A THING.

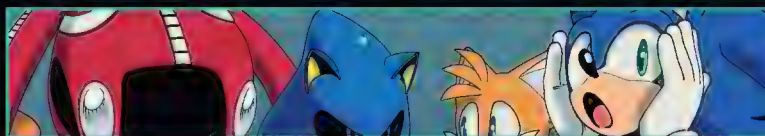


YOU
JUST
DID!

NOT AT ALL.
ADMITTING THE
SKILL OF A BESTED
ENEMY ONLY PROVES
MY BRILLIANCE.



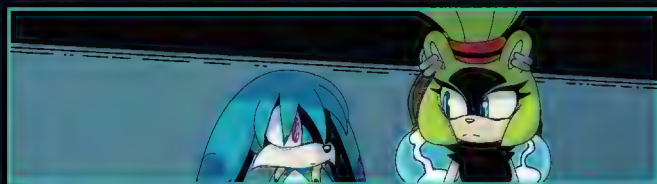
I'VE HEARD ENOUGH. LET'S JUST GET THIS OVER WITH.



HEY! I KNOW YOU'RE WATCHING! WE'RE HERE!



LISTEN, I DON'T WANNA FIGHT YOU GUYS. HAND OVER THE DOOHICKEY, AND WE CAN ALL WALK AWAY.



TOO BAD IT'S NOT UP TO YOU, THEN.



KZZZAK

NEXT TIME:
FIGHT!



NEXT MONTH



SONIC

LETTERS SQUAD

Greetings, Sonic Squad! Big oof. You know it's bad if Sonic and Eggman are teaming up, huh? Thank you for joining Evan Stanley, Adam Bryce Thomas, Reggie Grabam, and Shawn Lee for issue #55! Now, let's check out your letters and art, and get to know a bit more about artist Aaron Hammerstrom!



CREATOR CORNER: AARON HAMMERSTROM



What part of the Sonic comics do you create?

I do pencils and lines for the inside stories and covers, and sometimes colors, too!

Who's your favorite Sonic character in the IDW books?

I'd say it feels like cheating to say Sonic, but I mean... he's why we're all here in the first place, right? Besides him, definitely Tangle!

How do you take your chili dog?

In a hypothetical fashion. Never had one!

How did you first discover Sonic?

From one of those LCD games you'd get in Happy Meals around when *Sonic Heroes* came out. It was the Tails one, where you're flying and collecting rings. I remember thinking his second tail was some kind of mistake or error, and wondering what he was collecting. Doughnuts? Bagels? Onion rings?

What was the first IDW Sonic issue you worked on?

My first cover of my own was for #21, but I technically helped with a cover for issue #1.

What's a boring fact about yourself?

One of my favorite birthday gifts I ever got was a clipboard. I wanted it so I could draw when I didn't have a desk or other surface to draw on.

What's your favorite comic (besides Sonic)?

Paranatural is what really got me into comics, though it's since switched to an illustrated prose format. Still great, though! Besides that, probably *Eyesield 21* or Archie's *Mega Man*.

What do you do when you're not drawing/working on Sonic?

More drawing, usually. I also like pixel art and making low-poly 3D models every now and then. Basically a lot of art stuff and video games.

What's the most unusual Sonic thing you own?

An old *Sonic X* action figure of a robot whose pieces were all included with different characters. I never got all the characters, though, so I never got all the pieces of the robot. I think he's missing one arm and one leg.

If you could go to dinner with one Sonic character, who would it be and why?

Tails because I have the palate of an eight-year-old, and we could just get pizza or something. And then have mint ice cream after.

What kind of animal would you be in Sonic's universe?

A capybara. They're so chill and rectangular.

Thanks for joining us, Squad. Don't forget to send your art and letters to letters@idwpublishing.com, and make sure to mark them "OKAY TO PRINT"! And join the IDW Sonic Comics Squad on Facebook! Next month, this shocking arc comes to a conclusion!



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